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REMARKS

The drawings filed with the instant application, which is a National Phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371, have been reviewed by the Draftsperson and he has objected to the drawingsfor the following reasons:

- a) the left margins on several of the drawings were not acceptable;
- b) the lines, numbers and letters of the drawings were not uniformly thick and well defined;
- c) the numbers and reference characters were not plain and legible;
- d) and the figure legends were poor.

Applicants' Attorney Muthard regarding addressing these objections. Applicants pointed out that replacement formal drawings were submitted by the Applicants to the U.S. Receiving Office of the PCT after the original PCT International Application was filed and in response to a Notice from the PCT to submit Missing Parts. Applicants sought clarification as to whether the drawings which the Examiner/Draftsperson objected to were the informal drawing filed with the original International Application, or were the subsequently submitted formal drawings that had been prepared by a professional draftsperson to comply with both the PCT and U.S. PTO requirements. The Examiner/Draftsperson suggested that to be fully responsive Applicants should submit a copy of the formal drawings along with copies of the papers accompanied the formal drawings sent to the U.S. Receiving Office during the international phase.

Applicants herewith submit a copy of the formal drawings for the above captioned application along with a copy of the letter to the U.S. Receiving Office for the PCT regarding the submission of the corrected drawings on a timely basis to the Receiving Office

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner/Draftsperson's objections to the drawing for the instant application be withdrawn in light of the new formal drawings. If a telephonic communication with Applicants' representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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